An action plan has been formulated to complete these plants within a specified time frame and the progress against the plan is monitored regularly. In SCCL, most of the despatches are through coal handling plants.

Shifting of joint sampling venue

3575. SHRI ANANTRAY DEV-SHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CIL was compelled to shift the venue of joint sampling from unloading end *to* loading end, if so, what were the reasons therefor;

(b) the number of collieries so far regarded or regrouped on the basis of coal analysis during last five years; and

(c) what are the facilities available for SEB personnel to participate in the joint sampling work and whether this is comparable with the facilities available at TPS end?

THE MINISTER OF STATE: OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) Coal Companies are responsible for suppy of correct quality and quantity of coal at the pit heads. This is also the point where the property in. coal is transferred to the consumers or their transport agents. The quality and quantity of coal supplies have to be verified by the consumer at the point where he or his agent takes possession and any discrepancy regarding weight and quality should be sorted out on that basis. The legal responsibility of supplier ceases as soon as the property is transferred. This is also the position under Sales of Goods Act, 1930.

Government has also taken a decision that an independent third party inspection agency for quality assurance in coal should be established preferably through coal controller's Organisation on a self financing basis. All such quality inspections should be done at the colliery end before despatch and not at the consumers end afrer receipt.

(b) According to the information received from Coal India Ltd. the number of collieries regarded during the last five years are as under:

Year	No. of Collieries
1989-90	40
1990-91	66
1991-92	31
1992-93	176
1993-94	61
(upto 1-4-1998)	

(c) All facilities required for sam pling at the loading ends have been created. Wherever State Electricity Boards (SEBs) come forward to participate in the sampling process at the loading end they are provided with all the facilities required for joint sampling.

कोयले की रायल्टी की दरों की समीक्षा किया जाना

3576. **श्री ब्रह्मदेव आनन्द पासवान:** क्या कोयला मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :—

(क) क्या एम० ए० आर० डी० अधि-नियम, 1959 के अंतर्गत रायल्टी की दरों की समीक्षा तीन वर्ष में केवल एक बार ही की जाती है ;

(ख) क्या कोयले की कीमत में तकरीबन प्रत्येक वर्ष वृद्धि की जाती है; और

(ग) क्या इससे राज्य सरकारों को रायल्टी का कोई नुकसान नहीं होता ?